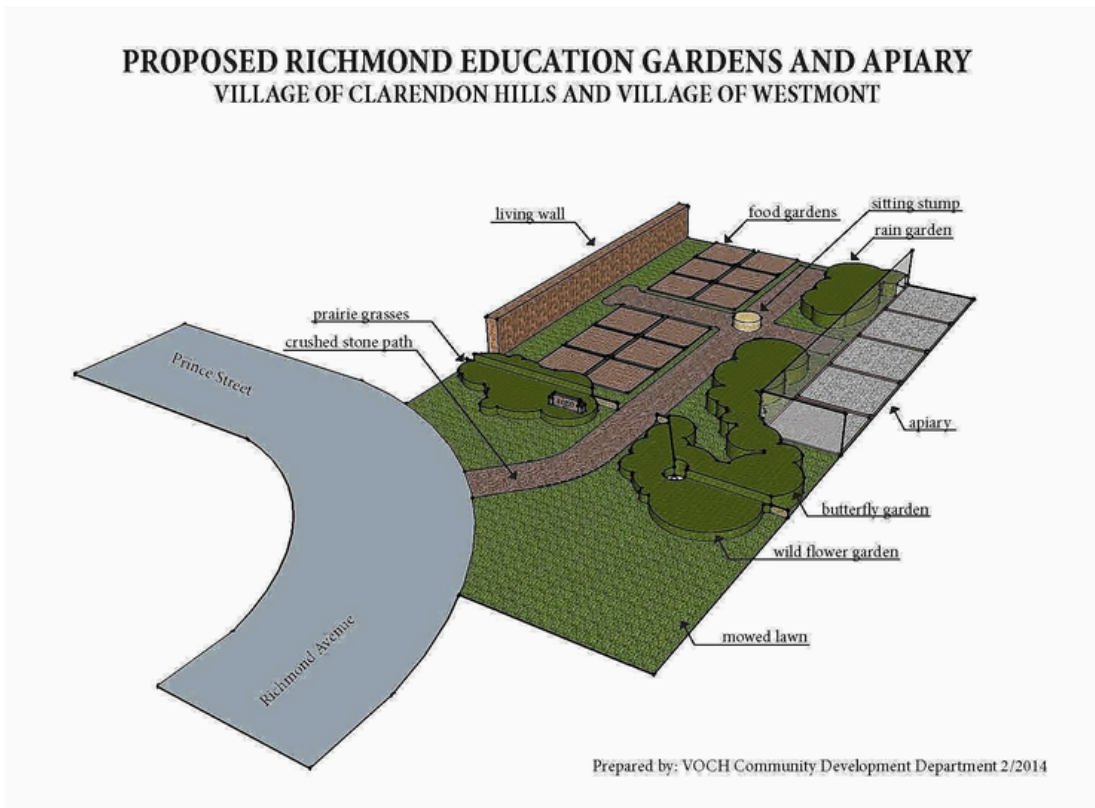


# Clarendon Hills & Westmont Garden and Honey Bee Apiary



Village officials from both Clarendon Hills and Westmont are considering a project to construct a shared community garden that would be located along the railroad tracks where Richmond Avenue turns into East Quincy Street on a plot of land that's jointly owned by Clarendon Hills and the village of Westmont.

"We've taken a look at the initial plan submitted by Clarendon Hills, and in terms of concept, we're interested in working with them to make this a reality," said Larry McIntyre, Westmont Community Events Coordinator.

The cost of the garden is estimated anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000 if everything in the proposal is built, including an apiary containing five bee hives on the Clarendon Hills portion of land, a rain garden, stone paths, a variety of gardens, prairie gardens, natural native plantings and a living wall.

"We're going to have to do a decent amount of planning and development for the project, and then ultimately it would go before the village board and Clarendon Hills elected officials for final approval and governmental agreement," McIntyre said. "But thus far everyone who has been part of the conversation has been very positive about it."